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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN COMOROS

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1. JUNE 15 FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY MADAGASCAR MATIN PUBLISHES  
EXCERPTS FROM PARIS JOURNALS CANARD ENCHAINE AND LE POINT,  
ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF BOB DENARD. MOST INTERESTING PART IS DENARD'S  
ADMISSION TO LE POINT THAT HE HELPED CONQUER COMORIAN ISLAND  
OF ANJOUAN FOR ALI SOILIH AND AGAINST AHMED ABDALLAH IN SEPTEMBER  
1975. DENARD TOLD CORRESPONDENT FRANCINE BUCCHI THAT HE  
HAD LATER TURNED AGAINST ALIH SOILIH WHEN LATTER'S REGIME HAD  
BEGUN JAILING AND TORTURING COMORIAN FRIENDS OF HIS.

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HE HAD THEREFORE ACCEPTED WHEN AHMED ABDALLAH AND MOHAMED AHMED  
HAD SOLICITED HIS PARTICIPATION IN OVERTHROW OF ALI SOILIH.

2. IN SAME INTERVIEW DENARD CLAIMS TAHT HE AND THE TWO COMORIAN  
CO-PRESIDENTS FINANCED THE WHOLE OPERATION THEMSELVES. LOCAL REUTERS  
CORRESPONDENT, A MALAGASY WHO FOLLOWS COMORIAN AFFAIRS CLOSELY,  
STATES HOWEVER THAT MOST JOURNALISTS AGREE WITH CANARD ENCHAINE THAT

COUP WAS ORGANIZED BY THE FRENCH AND THAT MERCENARY SHIP  
CAME FROM EITHER MAYOTTE OR LA REUNION RATHER THAN AROUND CAPE OF  
GOOD HOPE AS DENARD CLAIMS. MOST OF DENARD'S FIFTY MERCENARIES  
ARE FRENCH.

3. ACCORDING TO AFP REPORT DATED ALGIERS AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN  
AS THE FROLINACO, FRONT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE DES ILES COMOROS,  
HAS CONDEMNED RECENT COUP, BLAMING IT ON FRENCH NEO-COLONIALIST  
FORCES. ARTICLE, WHICH BASED ON ALGERIAN PRESSE SERVICE, ALSO  
REPORTS THAT FROLINACO IS CALLING ON ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES  
OF SW INDIAN OCEAN AREA TO FOIL NEO-COLONIALIST AND REACTIONARY  
POLICIES OF CERTAIN IMPERIALIST POWERS. ACCORDING TO REUTERS  
CORRESPONDENT THIS IS A NEW ORGANIZATION, NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH  
OLDER TANZANIA-BASED MOLINACO (MOUVEMENT, ETC.)  
WHICH WORKED AGAINST FRENCH RULE. IT MAY BE COMPOSED OF YOUNG  
SUPPORTERS OF ALI SOULHI IN TRAINING ALGERIA OR WHO WENT THERE  
AFTER HIS OVERTHROW.

4. REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ALSO INFORMS US THAT CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT  
ABDILLAH MOHAMMED IS GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA TO SOLICIT FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT.

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